

Public Health Registered Dental Hygienist

Contracted Partial-Year / Full-Time Position

Salary Range: \$25.63 - \$31.86

Why Join Jessamine County Health Department?

If you're looking to make a meaningful impact while enjoying one of Kentucky's most competitive public benefits packages, this role is for you. Our dental hygienists don't just serve—they thrive with:

Holidays & Time Off

- Holidays are paid according to school being in session.
- Accrual of 3.5 hours of vacation and 3.5 hours of sick leave per pay period, with vacation increasing based on years of service.
- Additional leave opportunities for jury duty, voting, and inclement weather, ensuring you have time for civic responsibilities and unforeseen circumstances.

Employee Benefits

- Health, Dental, Vision, Life, and flex spending accounts are offered.

Retirement & Financial Security

- 6% pension contribution through the Kentucky Employee Retirement System (KERS)
- Optional 401(k) and 457(b) plans (employee-funded)
- Mileage reimbursement for approved work-related travel

Position Overview

As a Public Health Registered Dental Hygienist (PHRDH), you will play a critical role in delivering preventive dental care directly to students in K–12 schools across Jessamine County and other surrounding counties. You will help children establish a dental home and improve access to routine oral healthcare, directly contributing to healthier communities. This position offers a unique public health experience, combining clinical practice with community engagement, education, and preventive outreach.

This is a non-exempt, hourly contracted role ideal for dental professionals seeking work-life balance, meaningful community impact, and a supportive, mission-driven work environment.

Primary Responsibilities

- Provide preventive dental services including cleanings, dental assessments, fluoride varnish applications, SDF, and sealant placement.
- Collaborate with school staff, families, and the Jessamine County Health Department to identify and serve students in need of dental care.

- Maintain all required licensure and Public Health RDH certification; ensure compliance with Kentucky dental regulations (KRS 313 and 201 KAR 8:562).
- Accurately document services provided, manage patient records, and assist with program reporting and data collection.
- Educate students, families, and school staff about oral hygiene, preventive care, and overall dental health practices.
- Support additional public health initiatives as needed, contributing to broader community wellness goals.
- Uphold safety, infection control, and ethical standards in all clinical and community interactions.

Minimum Qualifications

- Current Kentucky RDH license in good standing.
- Public Health RDH certification (can be obtained post-hire but required before providing services).
- Minimum of 3,000 clinical hours as a licensed RDH.
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation for local school travel.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills to engage effectively with students, families, and school personnel.
- Commitment to public health values, community service, and preventive care initiatives.

Ready to Make an Impact?

This is more than a dental hygiene role — it's an opportunity to transform the oral health of Kentucky children while advancing your professional experience in a public health setting. You will work with a mission-driven team that values your skills, supports your well-being, and provides comprehensive benefits, and work-life support.

Join us and help bring brighter smiles and healthier futures to the students and community of Jessamine County. Apply today and be part of a program that truly makes a difference.

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